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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

Building a Theology of Worship: **Insights from the Old Testament**

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
Welcome to the eighteenth edition of W.o.W. (Word on Worship)—the monthly newsletter from Teshua Ministries designed to inspire, equip, and deepen our understanding of true worship. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are delighted to walk this journey of worship with you as we seek to glorify God and grow stronger in faith.

This publication reflects the heart and mission of Dr. Janicka, founder of Teshua Ministries, who is passionate about helping believers experience victorious worship that transforms lives. We pray that each edition ignites a greater hunger for God's presence and empowers you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for being part of the W.o.W. Word on Worship family. Let's continue this journey onward and upward to victory in Christ!

Blessings,
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BUILDING A THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP:INSIGHTS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT



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Introduction

Acceptable worship considers what is pleasing in the sight of God. Praying, offering a sacrifice, expressing thanksgiving, giving God praise, or demonstrating acts of service can be considered an act of worship. Bowing, kneeling, singing, clapping, reading His Word, dancing, playing an instrument, or lifting one's hands toward the heavens are more acts of giving God reverence. All of this lends itself to maintaining a theology of worship through acts of worship that are pleasing to God.

A person who has a relationship with God will daily express to Him words, actions, and thoughts that reflect a believer's desire to acknowledge Him in all their ways. How we worship Him is a believer's way of respecting, or honoring God as Lord over our lives. As a result, we have to examine biblically what God deems acceptable when it comes to the theology of worship. Let's explore examples of acceptable worship in the Old Testament.

FAITH IN EVERY GENERATION
PEOPLE • PURPOSE • A GREATER TOMORROW

Stories That Still Guide Us

NOAH

A LIFE THAT WALKED WITH GOD

In the book of Genesis, Noah, Enoch's great-grandson, walked with God and demonstrated godly character and a godly family.

"Noah walked with God."
GENESIS 6:9

WALKED WITH GOD
Noah lived in close relationship with God.

GODLY CHARACTER
He was faithful, obedient, and righteous in his generation.

A GODLY FAMILY
Noah led his family to follow God together.

Faithful People Make a Brighter Tomorrow
SAME GOD • REAL LIVES • LASTING IMPACT

Acceptable Worship in the Old Testament

In the book of Genesis, Noah, Enoch's great-grandson, walked with God and demonstrated godly character and a godly family. However, it was also during this time that God became grieved in his heart due to the vast unrighteousness of everyone else. Genesis 6:6–8 states, **"And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.'"** God decided to flood the earth but spare Noah and his family because he was just and righteous.

Old Testament Acceptable Worship

➤ Noah

"Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma..."

Genesis 8:20-21 (NKJV)

➤ Moses & Mount Sinai

"...the Lord God,...who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers.. the third and fourth generations." Exodus 34:6-7 (NASB)

After the flood and being on the ark for more than 370 days, the first thing Noah did after he and his family were saved from the flood was worship. **"Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma..."** in Genesis 8:20–21. God desires a relationship with His creation, and He desires worship. Noah knew this to be true, which could have only been passed down from generation to generation, beginning with Seth, Adam and Eve's son.

The fact that God smelled a soothing aroma expresses God's favor and pleasure toward Noah's sacrifice and his worship. Noah's worship was acceptable to God. Noah believed in worship, and Noah knew an altar of sacrifice was an act of obedience. According to Noel Due, author of **Created for Worship: From Genesis to Revelation to You**, the outcome was that God's judgment against man came to a rest. God had provided saving grace for mankind. In response, Noah

obediently offered an expression of faith in God's promises. In this case, God promised never to curse the ground again or destroy every living thing again through His act of a flood.

The book of Exodus shares a story about how the Israelites offended God by worshiping a golden calf. As a result, God no longer wanted to be in the midst of the Israelites. In chapter thirty-four, God

THE JOURNEY
ENCOUNTERING GOD. GROWING IN FAITH. WALKING TOGETHER.

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR A LIFE BUILT ON HIS WORD
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EXODUS CHAPTER 34
BACK TO SINAI
OBEDIENCE. REVELATION.
WORSHIP. INTERCESSION.

In chapter thirty-four, God instructs Moses to return to Mount Sinai alone with two stone tablets.

THE LORD REVEALS HIS CHARACTER
EXODUS 34:6-7 (NASB)
"...the Lord God,...who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers.. the third and fourth generations."

- KEEPS LOVINGKINDNESS for thousands
- FORGIVES iniquity, transgression and sin
- WILL NOT LEAVE THE GUILTY UNPUNISHED
- VISITING INIQUITY of fathers to the third and fourth generations

A RESPONSE OF WORSHIP
Moses' reaction to hearing those words caused him to immediately bow low to the ground and worship God.

A PRAYER FOR HIS PEOPLE
Moses asked God to not remove His presence from among the people, but to pardon their iniquities and reclaim them as His people if he had found favor with his actions.

"If Your presence does not go with us... pardon our iniquities and reclaim us as Your people if I have found favor in Your sight."
— EXODUS 34

A God Worth Worshipping
FULL OF GRACE. JUST IN JUDGMENT. FAITHFUL FOR GENERATIONS.

HIS PRESENCE CHANGES EVERYTHING.

instructs Moses to return to Mount Sinai alone with two stone tablets. While on the mountain, in Exodus 34:6-7 (NASB), Moses called the Lord's name, and God responded by saying, **"...the Lord God,...who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers.. the third and fourth generations."** Moses' reaction to hearing those words caused him to immediately bow low to the ground and worship God. Moses asked God to not remove his presence from among the people, but to pardon their iniquities and reclaim them as His people if He had found favor with his actions. God did find favor with Moses' act of worship in response to God's initial judgment. Because the worship was pleasing, God renewed his covenant with the people of Israel. Moses was a believer, and the covenant renewal was a blessing as a result of Moses' humble behavior through worship.

In Chronicles chapter five, Solomon and the people of Jerusalem were rejoicing because the Temple of God had been completed. The congregation made sacrifices that included sheep and oxen. The Levitical priests purified themselves and transported the Ark of the Covenant to the Holy of Holies. Levitical singers

and priests sang and played instruments in II Chronicles 5:13, **"with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and...lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and... praised the Lord saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting..."**

Solomon continued the worship with words of adoration, speaking highly of God's attributes and praying aloud the dedication of the Temple in chapter six. Because God was pleased, He consumed the acceptable burnt offering and sacrifices with fire from heaven. Then God filled His house with His glory (II Chronicles 7:1-2). God declared to Solomon that His eyes would be open and His ears attentive to prayers offered in the house of the Lord.

Old Testament Acceptable Worship

✦ Solomon & The Temple of God

✦ Levitical Priests

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- God filled His house with His glory in II Chronicles 7:1-2
- God further declared to Solomon that His eyes would be open and His ears attentive to the prayers offered in the house of the Lord because of their acceptable worship

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BUILDING A THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP:INSIGHTS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Essential Points to Ponder...

- Building a theology of worship is predicated on understanding what is acceptable worship through the Spirit of the Lord.
- Identifying acceptable acts of worship enables us to maintain a righteous and secure relationship with the Lord.
- God is glorified when we engage in worship that is acceptable to Him.
- Acceptable worship affirms our relationship with God and sustains a proper theology of worship.

Contemporary Relevance & Conclusion

What would our personal and corporate worship look like today if we measured our time with God against the Word of God and what He deems as acceptable worship? Many of us desire the authentic presence of God, and from reading a few Old Testament examples, we know God responds to worship that is acceptable, thereby strengthening our theology of worship. The Word states, **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"**. (Proverbs 3:5–6). The path includes worship that is pleasing and acceptable to Him as worshipers.

Building a theology of worship is predicated on understanding what acceptable worship is through the Spirit of the Lord. Worship moves the heart of God and reveals His attributes to worshipers. In the judgment of the flood, one cannot ignore that He is merciful and responds to reverence. God himself declares that He is compassionate, and Moses' acceptable worship resulted in God being compassionate and loving enough to renew His promises with the people of Israel. God was so pleased with Solomon and the congregation of Israel that the people directly experienced the presence of the Lord descend from heaven and dwell in the Temple.

When we are able to clearly identify what acts of worship are acceptable, we maintain a righteous and secure relationship with Him. We also maintain a theology of worship that is aligned to His Word. When a person engages in worship that is acceptable, God is glorified. He is recognized for his power, grace, mercy, lovingkindness, and salvation. Acceptable worship affirms a believer's relationship with God and sustains a proper theology of worship.

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Let's Pray...

Heavenly Father,
today as we reflect on our acts of worship, both private and corporate, please search our hearts and reveal to us any areas of our lives You may find unacceptable in Your sight. We desire that as worshipers You always find favor in our acts of worship such as praying, singing, reading, and praising. Continue to reveal and affirm, through Your Word, our theology of worship so that we, as believers, always give unto You worship that is pleasing, sweet-smelling, and acceptable to You. We acknowledge You for Your continuous grace and mercy as we seek to always be in right standing with You as worshipers. We thank You that Your Word is a lamp unto our path to always guide, lead, and affirm our daily walk with You. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen!



Save the Date: Let's Gather For Worship V

The wait is almost over! Let's Gather For Worship V is coming to Cornerstone Community Church in Vineland, New Jersey, on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Registration is NOW OPEN!

We cannot wait to see you there as we gather with worshippers, ministry leaders, and believers who desire to encounter the presence of God and continue growing as true worshippers.

To stay connected and receive important updates, announcements, registration information, and details about Let's Gather For Worship V, **visit my WEBSITE and REGISTER TODAY!** We look forward to gathering with you! Let's Gather. Let's Worship. Let's Encounter God.



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